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by adding the following new sections immediately preceding the last section and by renumbering the subsequent section accordingly:

Section \_\_\_\_. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 6-1-201, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

- () Notwithstanding the preceding provisions of this section to the contrary, a territory may be incorporated that meets the following conditions:
  - (1) the territory contains three hundred (300) residents or more;
  - (2) the territory's western boundary is contiguous with the western boundary of the county in which it is located;
  - (3) the territory is located within an area bordered on the north by the Loosahatchie River, on the south of the Wolf River;
  - (4) the territory's eastern boundary is approximately parallel with the western boundary, but in no place is more than eight (8) miles from the western boundary; and
    - (5) the territory is located within a metropolitan statistical area.

The territory described in this subsection may incorporate notwithstanding the provisions and restrictions in § 6-1-201(a) and (b).

Notwithstanding the requirements of §§ 6-1-202, 203, and 209, or any other provision of law to the contrary, the petition for incorporation of the territory described in this subsection may consist of a letter from a resident of the territory desiring to incorporate to the county election commission requesting that the

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question of incorporating the territory be placed on the ballot. The letter shall describe the exact boundaries of the proposed municipality, indicate the name of the proposed municipality, and indicate under which charter the territory desires to incorporate. The letter shall be treated as a petition meeting all the requirements of law.

Section \_\_\_\_. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 6-18-103, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

- () Notwithstanding the preceding provisions of this section to the contrary, a territory may be incorporated that meets the following conditions:
  - (1) the territory contains three hundred (300) residents or more;
  - (2) the territory's western boundary is contiguous with the western boundary of the county in which it is located;
  - (3) the territory is located within an area bordered on the north by the Loosahatchie River, on the south of the Wolf River;
  - (4) the territory's eastern boundary is approximately parallel with the western boundary, but in no place is more than eight (8) miles from the western boundary; and
- (5) the territory is located within a metropolitan statistical area.

  The territory described in this subsection may incorporate notwithstanding the provisions and restrictions in § 6-18-103(a) and (b).

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Notwithstanding the requirements of § 6-18-104, or any other provision of law to the contrary, the petition for incorporation of the territory described in this subsection may consist of a letter from a resident of the territory desiring to incorporate to the county election commission requesting that the question of incorporating the territory be placed on the ballot. The letter shall describe the exact boundaries of the proposed municipality, indicate the name of the proposed municipality, and indicate under which charter the territory desires to incorporate. The letter shall be treated as a petition meeting all the requirements of law.

Section \_\_\_\_. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 6-30-103, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

- () Notwithstanding the preceding provisions of this section to the contrary, a territory may be incorporated that meets the following conditions:
  - (1) the territory contains three hundred (300) residents or more;
  - (2) the territory's western boundary is contiguous with the western boundary of the county in which it is located;
  - (3) the territory is located within an area bordered on the north by the Loosahatchie River, on the south of the Wolf River;
  - (4) the territory's eastern boundary is approximately parallel with the western boundary, but in no place is more than eight (8) miles from the western boundary; and

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(5) the territory is located within a metropolitan statistical area.

The territory described in this subsection may incorporate notwithstanding the provisions and restrictions in §§ 6-30-103 and 104.

Notwithstanding the requirements of § 6-30-106, or any other provision of law to the contrary, the petition for incorporation of the territory described in this subsection may consist of a letter from a resident of the territory desiring to incorporate to the county election commission requesting that the question of incorporating the territory be placed on the ballot. The letter shall describe the exact boundaries of the proposed municipality, indicate the name of the proposed municipality, and indicate under which charter the territory desires to incorporate. The letter shall be treated as a petition meeting all the requirements of law.

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